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Visiting Student Neighborhoods in San Marcos

City, University Plan Community Welcome

The City of San Marcos and Texas State University will co-sponsor a Community Welcome on Thursday, September 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. The Community Welcome is part of the ACT Campaign (Achieving Community Together) to develop good relations between student and non-student residents.

Teams of police officers, city and university staff, and student and non-student residents will visit the Holland Park subdivision, located off Holland and Meadow Parkway, distributing information and welcoming new residents to the neighborhoods. In addition, the Welcome is expanding this year to include multi-family neighborhoods with activities planned at Clarewood, Hillside Ranch, Outpost, Riverside Ranch, Treehouse, and Villagio Apartments.

“This is a great opportunity for us to welcome new residents to our town and promote positive relations between student and non-student residents,” said Mayor Susan Narvaiz. “By emphasizing community, we want to express the value we place on relationships that create a quality community and the responsibility that lies with each of us to extend common courtesy to our neighbors,” she said.

The ACT campaign is a collaborative effort of the City of San Marcos and Texas State University to promote positive relations between student and non-student residents through education, community connectedness, and resources.

"The Achieving Community Together message, 'we are Texas State, we are San Marcos' has been incorporated into the student culture of Texas State and I hope that the message also resonates into the culture of San Marcos," said Dr. Joanne Smith, Vice President for Student Affairs.

"ACT Committee messages to both students and non-student residents are critical to the success of the work we do to open communication, respect each other, and live together as neighbors in the San Marcos community," she added. "This collaboration between Texas State and the City of San Marcos is making a difference in the community."

Student Body President Melanie Ferrari expressed student support for the ACT initiative.

“Our administration will research ways to contribute to a community partnership with students and non-student residents,” said Ferrari. “ASG will work alongside the City of San Marcos to educate and encourage community connectedness of all community residents. ACT is a very important asset to the San Marcos Community and Texas State University.”

Tena O’Hara, of Pinnacle Property Management, also supports the September 16 outreach effort and the goal of building community. “We can all help by getting to know our neighbors and respecting local laws,” she said. “A simple ‘hello’ is a good first step in building a good relationship.”

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